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4/20 bake sale raises amnesty awareness

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The organization Students for Sensible Drug Policy sold \$1 brownies and made jokes in honor of “4/20” Thursday to raise awareness for the University’s medical amnesty program for drug overdoses.

SSDP held their “4/20 Praise It Bake Sale” to raise money for their organization and raise awareness for the medical amnesty program the University implemented last year. The system-wide policy protects students from disciplinary action when they call for help in drug overdose or alcohol related medical emergencies.

Following the passage of Student Government Assembly Resolution 5 last April, the University expanded its alcohol amnesty program to include drug overdose. This policy protects students who call 911 for help from University disciplinary

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DKR ‘Jumbotron’ receives LED upgrade

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UT’s Darrell K. Royal football stadium will be updated with a new multi-million dollar video board and additional screens this summer.

The current end-zone video screen, dubbed “Godzilla-tron,” will be entirely replaced with an LED display, according to a posting on the UT project management and construction services website earlier this week. The project is expected to cost \$4 to \$6 million.

“We’ve had (the current screen) going back several years,” associate athletics director Jeff Orth said. “This just allows us to provide our fans with the latest technology.”

Updating “Godzilla-tron” will ensure that fans have a more enjoyable visit to the DKR stadium, Orth said. In the past, fans have complained about the color and quality of the current screen.

“We’re really, really focused on improving our fan experience,” Orth said.

The updated screen will be lit entirely with LED lighting, which is expected to be clearer and more energy-efficient than the current video board. Other changes coming to the stadium include extended ribbon video boards on the north and east sides of the stadium.

Psychology freshman Christina Lam said although she is a big football fan and has attended home games last season, she doesn’t think the screen will have

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UT’s Darrell K. Royal football stadium will receive an updated screen to replace the old “Jumbotron.” The new LED screen, dubbed “Godzilla-tron,” is expected to cost \$4 to \$6 million.

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Diversity VP leaves for alma mater position

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Gregory Vincent, vice president for diversity and community engagement, announced Thursday he will leave UT to serve as president of his alma mater, Hobart and William Smith Colleges in New York state, starting on July 16.

In a letter to the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Vincent said he is excited to begin a new phase of his career in Geneva, New York, but the farewell is bittersweet.

“As you can imagine, the decision to leave UT was a difficult one,” Vincent said. “The University of Texas at Austin has always been an exciting, fulfilling place to be. The DDCE’s work strengthening the diverse and inclusive culture at one of the finest public research institutions in the nation has been some of the most rewarding work I’ve



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Gregory Vincent, vice president for diversity and community engagement, announced Thursday that he has accepted a position at another institution and will be leaving UT this summer. He has served in his current position for 11 years.

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McDonald Observatory sees upgrade, studies dark energy

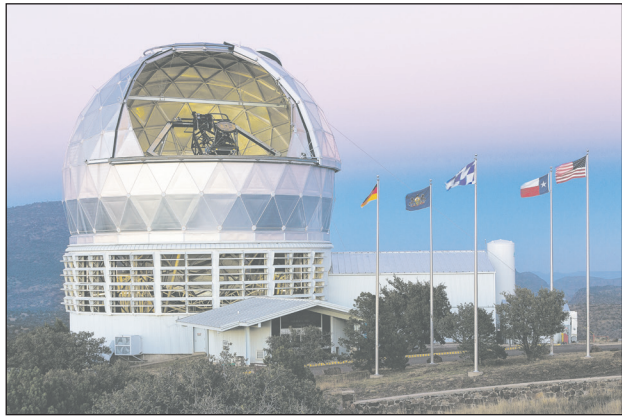
By Chase Karacostas
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The University’s McDonald Observatory in West Texas dedicated its \$40 million telescope upgrade last week and is now performing an in-depth study of a mysterious force known as dark energy.

The upgrade gives McDonald’s 10-meter telescope the ability to create a 3-D map of the universe to study dark energy, a little understood concept that could explain the accelerating expansion of the universe.

The telescope, the world’s third largest in size, can now see light that is close to 12 billion years old and can view 120 times more of the night sky than it previously could. Not even the largest telescope in the world at the Keck Observatory in Hawaii has as large a field of view.

“It is sort of one of a kind right now,” McDonald Observatory director Taft Armandroff said. “It’s going to allow us to study a lot of



Courtesy of Ethan Tweedie Photography

The Hobby-Eberly Telescope is located at McDonald Observatory in West Texas. The flags of the four partner institutions fly with the U.S. flag outside the open dome.

areas of astronomy that are on the cutting edge.”

The Observatory received funding from the State of Texas, other universities and private donors to add four new instruments to the telescope along with expanding its view and depth. Two of these instruments, high and low resolution spectrographs, will be used to study the light from both galaxies and individual stars, Armandroff said.

Another new

instrument allows the telescope to see high red-shift galaxies, or galaxies that are 10 to 12 billion light years away and were formed shortly after the Big Bang, Armandroff said.

Finally, Armandroff said the telescope now has a habitable zone planet finder which detects wobbles in the movement of a star to see if it has any orbiting planets.

Together, these

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STATE

Committee considers House ‘bathroom bill’

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A committee considered the House’s version of the controversial “bathroom bill” during a meeting that started late Wednesday night and went into the early hours of Thursday morning.

The House Committee of State Affairs heard hours of public testimony mostly in opposition to House Bill 2899, authored by state Rep. Ron Simmons, R-Carrollton.

The version of the bill debated Wednesday narrowed the focus of the bill as filed so that it would ban local municipalities — including cities and public school districts — from implementing policies that allow “a class of persons” to use multiple occupancy restrooms, showers and changing facilities, according to their gender identity.

Simmons said HB 2899 would address the bathroom issue and create a necessary unity in policies

at a statewide level.

“This issue needs to be the same in Austin as it is in Abilene,” Simmons said. “It needs to be the same in Houston as it is in Hutto.”

HB 2899 would nullify portions of nondiscrimination ordinances which have been in place for over a decade in cities such as Dallas, Austin and Fort Worth.

“It does not eliminate nondiscrimination ordinances for transgender individuals in areas of the law not related to multiple occupancy bathrooms, showers or changing facilities,” Simmons said. “What it does is it protects our citizens in an area they believe they need to be protected in.”

Simmons’ proposal differs from Senate Bill 6, in that it targets local nondiscrimination ordinances instead of explicitly regulating the bathroom usage in government buildings, public schools and universities.

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Carlos Hernandez, 6, spends a day with his family at the Austin Aquarium.

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a big effect on the overall football experience.

“I don’t have a problem with the screens now,” Lam said. “I mean, I guess it would improve it a bit.”

Computer engineering junior Matt Johnson also attended games last season and is planning on attending more this fall. He said the updated screen quality won’t affect students as much as it will effect other fans because of its position on the field. The video board is located at the south end of the field and sits behind the seating area commonly held by University students.

Johnson said while he is a football fan, he thinks the school should redistribute the \$4 to \$6 million for other uses.

“There’s definitely things around campus that need more work than a Jumbotron,” Johnson said.

The screen renovation is part of wider-schemed project that will also install a clock

“The stadium work is scheduled to be completed this summer before (the) start of the fall semester.

—Laurie Lentz, Communication manager

in the football locker room and a scoreboard at the new UT-Austin tennis facility, scheduled to open August of next year.

The construction project is being managed by officials from project management and construction, and they are currently in the process of accepting bids from contractors, communication manager Laurie Lentz said in an email.

“The stadium work is scheduled to be completed this summer, before (the) start of the fall semester,” Lentz said in an email.

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action regardless of the legality of the drugs used.

Under the policy, the University will not punish students for using illegal drugs or alcohol, but students can still be prosecuted by local or state law enforcement.

SSDP President Andrew Hood said many of the students he has spoken to did not know about the policy, so he wants as many people as possible to know in case they are ever caught in a dire situation.

“This ridiculous bake sale is here to get people’s attention, so we can yell at them about medical amnesty,” chemical engineering senior Hood said. “You save someone’s life from making a phone call, so why would we punish you for doing so?”

Regardless of whether someone bought a brownie, SSDP members tried to

hand out as many of their “Harm Reduction and Substance Safety” pamphlets as they could. The pamphlets detailed the medical amnesty policy, signs of an opioid overdose and how to give someone naloxone, a drug that can counteract a life-threatening opioid overdose.

“If someone is on the floor blue, and you’re freaking out and on the phone with an ambulance, that’s where medical amnesty steps in and is like, ‘OK, you’re not going to be expelled for this,’” Hood said.

SSDP advocacy chair Ian Sims said part of the money they collect from the bake sale will help pay for drug test kits. These kits allow people to analyze drugs such as acid and MDMA, a psychoactive stimulant that is potentially lethal in impure forms.

“A lot of times dealers cut MDMA with other substances, so oftentimes people don’t know what they’re

taking,” Sims said. “It’s not uncommon to hear (about) people dying because they took MDMA without knowing its purity.”

However, University-sponsored organizations are barred from giving out such kits, according to the University General Information Catalog. Members of SSDP plan to give them out on their own time, according to Sims.

After seeing a poster advertising the bake sale, Helen Smith, a math, Plan II and English fifth-year, said she decided to stop by because she was curious about the amnesty program. Smith said she knew students when she lived on campus who would’ve benefited from a policy like this.

“It’s nice for people to have peace of mind to just live and worry about the emergency in emergency situations rather than later ramifications,” Smith said. “So students don’t have to be afraid of death based on a mistake.”

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undertaken during my career.”

Vincent said he will be working closely with UT president Gregory Fenves over the next few months to continue work on multiple initiatives on campus and in the community.

UT President Fenves said in a statement Vincent was the first person to serve as vice president for diversity and community engagement.

“Over the course of his 11 years as VP, he elevated our University’s commitment to inclusion in many ways,” Fenves said. “Throughout his tenure, Dr. Vincent developed innovative approaches to recruit and support diverse faculty members and graduate students.”

Fenves said Vincent led the effort behind the University Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan, an initiative to

create a more inclusive campus for students, faculty members and staff members.

“One of the most powerful memories I have from our time working together was walking beside Dr. Vincent on the front steps of the U.S. Supreme Court after the oral arguments in the Fisher v. University of Texas case in 2015,” Fenves said. “Dr. Vincent was central to UT’s successful effort to uphold the use of race and ethnicity as part of our admissions process, and we walked out of the court that day, together, proud that we had made the argument in support of the educational benefits of diversity.”

Fenves encouraged students and faculty to congratulate Vincent on the service he has provided to the University.

“The legacy of his leadership will continue to shape our University for many years to come,” Fenves said.

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devices will help astronomers at the University and elsewhere create a 3-D map they can use to measure how fast the universe’s expansion is accelerating and thereby give them an idea as to what force might be causing it, astrophysics professor Karl Gebhardt said.

“It’s crazy exciting. No one has looked at the universe in this way in the past,” Gebhardt said. “We may redefine what gravity actually is, (or dark energy) could be something like a new type of particle.”

Already, students at the University are analyzing the data the telescope collects each night. After nightfall in West Texas, the telescope collects information that is

sent to a server that both undergraduate and graduate students have access to.

After a class with Gebhardt last semester, aerospace engineering senior Jamie McCullough began working with the McDonald Observatory data. Most of the time, McCullough analyzes the data sent over to adjust the information based on how much light was hitting the telescope. McCullough has also been working on writing a code that will perform these calibrations automatically.

“The upgrade is fantastic, and there’s so much data coming off of it, and there’s so much potential for so much advancement,” McCullough said. “It’ll really just be exciting to see what comes of it.”

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SB 6 was approved by the full Senate last month, but it has yet to be scheduled for a committee hearing in the House.

Gov. Greg Abbott said on Twitter on Tuesday that he supports the efforts of both chambers to protect privacy and is going to work to get a bill to his desk for approval.

“I applaud the House and Senate for tackling an issue that is of growing concern to parents and communities across Texas

who are now looking to the Legislature for solutions,” Abbott said in the statement. “Rep. Simmons is offering a thoughtful proposal to make sure our children maintain privacy in our school bathrooms and locker rooms.”

At the end of March, North Carolina repealed and replaced portions of their bathroom bill, House Bill 2, which required individuals to use the bathroom according to their “biological sex.”

The replacement for HB 2 would still let the North Carolina Legislature

regulate bathroom access and put a three-year ban on enacting local nondiscrimination ordinances applicable to private businesses employment practices and public facilities.

Cathryn Oakley, senior legislative council for the Human Rights Campaign, said one of the main differences between the new North Carolina law and HB 2899 is that under the North Carolina law, political subdivisions can not have policies that either protect transgender people from discrimination or that mandate

discrimination. HB 2899 would only prohibit non discrimination ordinances.

“(HB) 2899 is one of dozen anti-LGBTQ bills introduced in Texas this year,” Oakley said. “It’s important to say that these all truly have one thing in common ... which is that they’re not dealing with ... actual problems that are happening in bathrooms. It’s never been about bathrooms, it’s about discrimination.”

No action was taken on HB 2899 and the bill is currently pending in committee.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Diana Ayoub and Muhammad Adam present SB 1702, which would create the International Student Advisory Group.

UT Senate improves access to menstrual hygiene products

By Rajya Atluri
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The UT Senate of College Councils passed legislation Thursday providing menstrual hygiene products on campus, creating the International Student Advisory Group, supporting the establishment of international student first-year interest groups and eliminating penalty grading policies in “flipped” classes.

Approved Thursday, Joint Resolution 1701 supports the placing of menstrual hygiene products in high-traffic campus centers.

Government junior Jord-ee Rodriguez, president of Liberal Arts Council, and Raphael Jaquette, international relations and global studies sophomore and academic policy chair, were co-authors of the resolution.

“What this joint resolution would do in effect is create a yearly drive for menstrual hygiene products, so that there can always be those materials across campus and women can always access them,” Rodriguez said. “Currently, 86 percent of women or menstruating people are caught off guard whenever they begin their periods, and that is academically deleterious. This (resolution) will create an environment that is more inclusive and would help all

menstruating people to be able to participate fully in their extracurriculars and their academics.”

Economics and finance senior Diana Ayoub, international students ad hoc committee chair, and economics sophomore Muhammad Adam Lee, international students ad hoc committee member, presented Senate Bill 1702. The bill, which passed, would create an International Students Advisory Group as an agency of the Senate of College Councils. The legislation states the new agency is necessary because international students aren’t granted the same resources as domestic students.

“We realize that there are so many problems that international students are facing right now on campus,” Ayoub said. “They are representing 9.7 percent of the UT community here, so we believe that there are so many academic problems and challenges that could be addressed just by creating this agency. We are already an ad hoc committee, so we’re just asking to become officially part of the constitution.”

Ayoub also helped author Senate Resolution 1704 which would support establishing international students first-year interest groups. Passed during

the session, this resolution would establish separate FIGs for international students in order to ensure a smoother transition for them at UT and the United States. Discussions in these groups would provide information more pertinent to international students, and students would have access to a mentor who understands their identity as an international student.

Senate Resolution 1703 also passed, which would eliminate the negative grading policy used in platforms like Quest for classes such as calculus within the College of Natural Sciences. Students can receive negative grades for incorrectly attempting math problems, which discourages students to solve the problems for the fear of receiving a score lower than a zero.

Shannon Geison, elected representative chair of the Undergraduate Business Council, said she noticed many freshmen faced this issue during their first semester of college, so she talked to McCombs associate dean David Platt to address it.

“One of the biggest indicators of whether a student is going to graduate in four years is there grades from their first semester of college, and so we identify this as a really key issue for setting up students for success,” Geison said.

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On-campus housing process frustrates applicants, parents

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Out of the 16,660 housing applications filed by students for the 2016–17 school year, only 44 percent of applicants actually live on campus, according to the UT Division of Housing and Food Service.

Ryan Colvin, assistant director of occupancy management for DHFS, said 6,500 to 7,000 of the students who apply for housing don’t get contracts because of how the University admission process works.

“Students can apply for housing before they even apply for admission to the University, so their housing applications are canceled if they aren’t actually admitted to UT,” Colvin said. “Also, some students who file housing applications don’t respond to us or cancel their applications on their own.”

Colvin said last year’s housing application waitlist started around March

and closed on May 4, but DHFS reopened their applications in the summer because of numerous students canceling their contracts.

“We don’t really have an exact date for when the waitlist will start, but it typically happens around February or March,” Colvin said. “It depends on if students decide to apply sooner or later in the school year.”

Biology sophomore Marlon Haygood said he was waitlisted when he applied for housing in the summer of his freshman year. Although he got a housing contract two weeks later, Haygood said he was extremely frustrated by the housing contract system.

“I knew I was gambling by not applying until the last minute, but I didn’t realize how much it would mess up my life until I was waitlisted,” Haygood said. “The process is most definitely not a last-minute thing to do.”

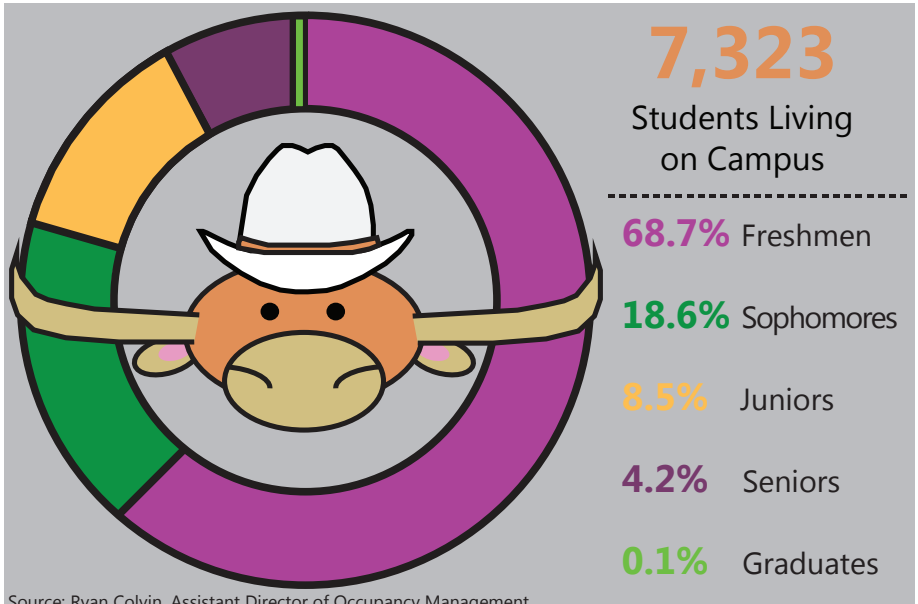
Colvin said the

housing applications open on Aug. 1 for the 2018–19 school year, and depending on when students apply for housing, contracts are distributed around March. The amount of applications filed in October and December generally determines when the contracts go out, Colvin said.

“Since October and December are deadline months for the UT admissions application, most students fill out our application then too,” Colvin said. “In regards to a guarantee for housing, there is no insurance for getting a contract because it’s all based on the numbers we get and when we get them.”

Chemistry sophomore Thomas Bui said getting a housing contract is always frustrating, but precautions make the process easier.

“I didn’t get my first dorm choice,” Bui said. “But because I applied as early as I could, I never was worried about not getting one at all.”



Source: Ryan Colvin, Assistant Director of Occupancy Management
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STATE

Senate legislation preserves Top 10 Percent provision

By Claire Allbright
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The Top 10 Percent Rule is here to stay, even if Senate Bill 2119 passes.

The new version of the bill was left pending before the Senate Committee of Higher Education on Wednesday. This committee substitute would keep the Top 10 Percent Rule in place but only require universities to admit 30 percent of their incoming freshman class using automatic admissions.

Under current law, a University must admit 75 percent of their freshman class based on automatic admissions. Originally, the bill would have eliminated the Top 10 Percent Rule entirely.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, said the Top 10 Percent Rule mainly affects UT-Austin and Texas A&M because of their volume of applicants. Seliger said his bill works to reduce the role of government in the college admissions process by not mandating which students these universities admit.

“I don’t believe top 10 percent was designed to just fill up the freshman classes of those two universities,” Seliger said. “It was designed to see to it that



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff
State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, says Senate Bill 1921 will reduce the role of government in college admissions process. Seventy-five percent of the freshman class is based on automatic admission under the current law.

there was a place in colleges for all the students who work hard enough to be in the top 10 percent all over the place.”

Under his bill, Seliger said talent from the top high schools would be better spread out among other public state universities.

State Sen. José Menéndez, D-San Antonio, said the Top 10 Percent Rule was established to increase diversity at the top-tier institutions of the state. Menéndez said the law is currently a “colorblind” and race-neutral approach to accomplish a diverse student body.

“It’s just based on the high school, so it could be rural Texas, the border, northern

Texas, anywhere, and I think that’s given us all kinds of diversity that’s appropriate,” Menéndez said. “I think from a policy perspective it has been a positive, not a negative.”

Universities would continue to fill 75 percent of their freshman classes using the Top 10 Percent law until all students currently enrolled in high school graduate.

While no one from UT spoke at Wednesday’s committee meeting, Seliger said he has spoken with admission officials from universities across the state who said they would continue to admit more than 30 percent of their classes based on the Top 10 Percent Rule.

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University Lands works to cut methane leaks

By Mark Houser
CEO of University Lands

Recently, Environment Texas published a letter to University of Texas System Chancellor William H. McRaven from UT faculty and staff that outlined concerns about the release of methane emissions on the Permanent University Fund lands. The letter was also published as a paid advertisement in The Daily Texan.

Chancellor McRaven takes these concerns very seriously. In fact, he first received the letter in January and responded with detailed information about activities on PUF Lands, the mission of the University Lands organization and the significant work being done to reduce methane emissions.

University Lands has the fiduciary duty to steward the surface and mineral interests of 2.1 million acres of land in West Texas for the benefit of the University of Texas and Texas A&M Systems. Environmental stewardship is a key part of that responsibility. Clearly, oil and gas development provides a significant revenue stream, which has contributed considerably to the success and progress of more than 20 health and educational institutions across the UT and A&M Systems.

The PUF Lands are a precious and unique resource, thanks to the foresight of Texas leaders nearly 180 years ago. Today, University Lands’ revenue supports not only public higher education, but also important research and discoveries that are helping cure cancer, eradicate disease and fuel life-saving, game-changing innovations that are improving the human condition, not just for Texans, but for people around the world.

We are committed to sustaining and conserving these lands, and we are equally committed to a cleaner future for Texas and the nation. That’s why we strategically work with industry to continually make advances in producing low-cost energy in an environmentally-friendly and sustainable way. In fact, the latest emission figures from the Environmental Protection Agency demonstrate that emissions from PUF lands are significantly lower than

what was cited in the Environment Texas letter and demonstrate a steady decline in emissions in recent years.

University Lands is not just about oil and gas. We lease PUF lands for wind farms, public schools, hospitals, churches, ranching, wineries and power lines, just to name a few. The lands also provide water to several municipalities in West Texas, and several large-scale solar energy projects are underway. University Lands also provides educational internship opportunities to both UT and Texas A&M students, and the lands serves as an economic engine for West Texas, producing thousands of jobs and, according to a recent economic impact study, commercial activity that generates \$3.5 billion in GDP and \$180 million in state tax revenue each year.

But oil and gas remain critical to University Lands and our job is to take full advantage of those resources in a thoughtful, sustainable way.

Fortunately, the energy sector has been revolutionized in recent years through technology innovations — some of which have been developed by UT and A&M students. The transformation is moving the United States toward energy security, a concept that seemed impossible just 15 years ago.

At University Lands, we partner with oil and gas operators to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to continuously improve technology to reach our goals. We are dedicated to these efforts because it’s the right thing to do.

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We are continually working on ways to



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A well pumps oil in a field on University Lands in West Texas on April 12, 2013. University Lands CEO Mark Houser argues these wells have been better than average about leaking methane.

partner with industry to protect PUF lands and our environment by reducing the waste of natural gas from flaring, venting and fugitive emissions. University Lands has stepped up its contractual provisions and processes to ensure environmental best practices.

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Recently, the Environmental Defense Fund toured the lands as our guest to observe some of the state-of-the-art technology, including

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Technology is changing at breakneck speed, allowing for advancement in the way we produce oil and gas in an environmentally friendly way. We ensure our operators are using the latest technology and we are proud that our work helps fund the research that is fueling the development of that new technology.

We will never be done. University Lands, under the leadership of the UT and Texas A&M Systems, will constantly strive to improve performance and safeguard the environment while providing the best possible return on investment for the 20 health and educational institutions — and some 350,000 students — which today benefit from this unique asset.

Houser is CEO of University Lands.

FORUM

SB 19 ignores university benefits to slash funds

By Zachary Stone
Daily Texan Forum Contributor

On April 4, the Texas Senate passed SB 19. The bill freezes public college tuition for the next four years, after which schools may increase tuition by 1 percent over inflation. The bill is the legislative manifestation of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick’s promise to make college cheaper. It still must pass the House, where it faces near-certain opposition. Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, said that tuition is a “pretty good bargain,” noting that more students are applying than ever before and that the market seems to be working. Higher Education Chairman J.M. Lozano, R-Kingsville, also expressed opposition to a freeze.

The tussle between the House and Senate will likely be yet another fight between Lt. Gov. Patrick and Speaker Straus. And we will surely hear sound bites from Patrick: Nobody wants higher tuition, right?

Correct, Lt. Gov. Patrick. No one wants higher tuition. But no one wants underfunded schools, either.

While Patrick’s goal of reducing tuition is nice, it is really just part of a broader war on higher education writ large. For decades, the legislature has appropriated less and less money for each undergraduate at Texas public colleges and universities. This year, the Senate’s proposed budget would cut \$330

million from higher education funding. In 1984, the state funded 47 percent of the UT budget; today, it funds 13 percent. To remain competitive, tuition has, no doubt, increased. The legislature’s solution is not to reinstate funding, but to cap tuition. Quite plainly, the Senate wants to force colleges and universities to shrink their ambitions.

In the Senate’s mind, there is a modest cap on how big, successful and enterprising our colleges and universities can be. Tuition freezes should be met with funding commitments, not budgetary slashes. As students, we often (rightly) make demands that cost money: increased student diversity, administrative review of bias incidents, beefed-up campus safety and increased counseling and mental health resources, to name a few. These things require University investment in the form of scholarships, employees and security installations. We also have expectations about how UT gets its money; students have demanded that the UT Investment Management Company (UTIMCO) consider ethics — as opposed to sheer profit — in its operations. Such a consideration will become an elusive luxury as traditional sources of funding dry up. A bare tuition freeze — without a corresponding increase in funding — will cause UT to fall down on many students’ hopes for what would make the school a better place.



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Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick presides over the Texas Sen. on February 8. Among the bills Patrick has championed is SB 19, which would freeze public college tuition for the next four years.

SB 19 faces an uphill battle in the Texas House. But politics yields strange compromises, and we don’t want to come to school next semester and have UT cutting important programs or increasing class sizes. I’m going to call my representative

(Gina Hinojosa, 512-463-0668) and tell her office that I would love a comprehensive funding bill that decreased tuition and maintained university resources.

SB 19 is not such a bill.

Stone is a first-year law student from Plano.

FORUM

Republicans must return to being party of growth

By Landon Campbell
Republican Party Precinct #208 Chair

The question I have been asked to answer is, “What can Texas Republicans do to better appeal to young, moderate, college-educated people?” One might assume that a former leader of the High School Republicans of Texas and the Texas Federation of College Republicans would have a good answer. Honestly, I cannot tell you that there is a silver bullet to the problem. If there was, people who are paid much more than I am would have already come up with it. My best answer would be the Republican Party of Texas needs to listen to the voices of those already inclined to support it, but wary of reactionary efforts designed merely to raise passions in efforts to boost

primary votes. So long as the most vocal and prominent members of the Party are focused on their primary margins, these younger and less stridently traditional voters will not truly feel at home within the Republican Party.

With all due respect, I believe a part of the problem might be inherent in the question itself. The question asked how the GOP could appeal to “moderate” people. I believe that this assumption, that anyone who does not support a measure such as the “bathroom bill” is a moderate creates a divide among potential voters who largely carry the same worldview. Someone can believe strongly in free markets and free peoples, but oppose more culturally conservative measures. My proposal? Let’s stick to the issues that turned Texas red in the first place: fiscal responsibility, limited government and an

economic growth agenda. Let us not forget that Governor George W. Bush ran on these themes in the 1998 gubernatorial election and won 68 percent of the vote, including now staunchly Democratic Travis County. We are the party of the “Texas Economic Miracle.” Let’s stick to that.

In addition to this refocus on issues of government competency, the Party should make a concerted effort to embrace those who might support us on a wide majority of measures, but not on one or two tenets. President Reagan once said that someone who disagreed with him 80 percent of the time was his 80 percent friend, not his 20 percent enemy. But today’s Republican Party of Texas has a dedicated plank of its platform that allows local Republican Executive Committees to “censure” Republican office holders for not supporting any one of the “principles

of the Republican Party of Texas.” Rather than inspire a community of diverse opinions with lively and strong debate, this kind of provision just goes to show the general lack of intellectual freedom and debate that is present in far too many Republican communities today.

Let me be absolutely clear: What I say here is a friendly suggestion from a member of the team, not a broadside on the Party. As I have stated here, we are strongest when we are diverse, accepting and united. The question was, “How does the GOP reach out to college-educated, young, moderate potential supporters?” My answer? Listen to them and treat their concerns with sincerity.

Campbell is a second-year law student from East Fork, Mississippi. He is the Republican Party Precinct #208 Chair.

FOOD

Austin foodies shoot for resource education

By Hannah Plantowsky
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Taking the concept of farm to table a step further this Saturday, Austin foodies will hunt and harvest an entire meal from meats and vegetables they procured themselves. Through the Hunt to Table event, farmers, hunters and newcomers come together in celebration of our resources and what they have to offer.

The Texas Wildlife Association will host its annual Hunt to Table event to promote wildlife education and resource conservation. Nicole Greaney, TWA's director of membership, said by taking guests hunting and touring the venue, Springdale Farm, they hope to achieve their goal of promoting environmental protection and preservation.

"We did our first annual Hunt to Table dinner last year, and we offered a hunt for people who never had that opportunity," Greaney said. "People automatically hear 'hunting' and have a preconceived notion that it's a bad thing or just a shoot-to-kill type thing, so we pulled in Jesse Griffiths, a renowned chef in Austin, so he can take people hunting, have them harvest the animal and show them how to gut, quarter and prepare (the animal)."

Greaney said this type of meal addresses a growing interest in demystifying how food is procured and the production process that follows.

"The people that came (last year) were people interested in healthy eating,



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where their food comes from and what that really means," Greaney said. "Majority of them had never hunted before, but were genuinely interested in how it all works."

Glenn Foore, owner of Springdale Farm, said he appreciates TWA's effort to educate and provide a truly organic meal.

"It goes along with the whole food movement, in that you don't waste any food if you can," Foore said. "We're all struggling to get organic food in us these days, and there's no better way to do that than eating wild game."

As both a farmer and sportsman, Foore said he feels incredibly close to nature and finds the lessons Hunt to Table

offers worthwhile and long lasting.

"They get to realize the simplicity of the gratitude of taking wild animals and sharing the bounty with your friends," Foore said.

Kristin Parma, TWA's Membership Coordinator, said guiding people through their first hunt and harvest is an unparalleled gratification.

"When you cook a piece of meat you went out into the field and harvested, you have a story to tell and that brings people together," Parma said. "It's that concept of knowing where your food comes from and getting excited about that, and going on your first hunt and serving that to someone else, that builds that whole sense

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—Glenn Foore,
Owner of Springdale Farm

of community."

Foore said the community is full of respect and appreciation, despite the rugged reputation hunters may have.

"A misconception is that most hunters are tough son of a guns and all are gun hungry, but what I've found is that most all hunters are very conscious and protective of the environment," Foore said. "We want to see it just the same way as when we got there."

At the end of the day,

the combination of this event's cuisine and education makes it an unforgettable experience for its attendees.

"They get to dine at one of Austin's best urban farms at a glorious time of the year with one of the best chefs in the country," Foore said. "It opens people's eyes that if you enjoy the heck out of this dinner and you're interested in hunting, then you should pay attention and get involved."

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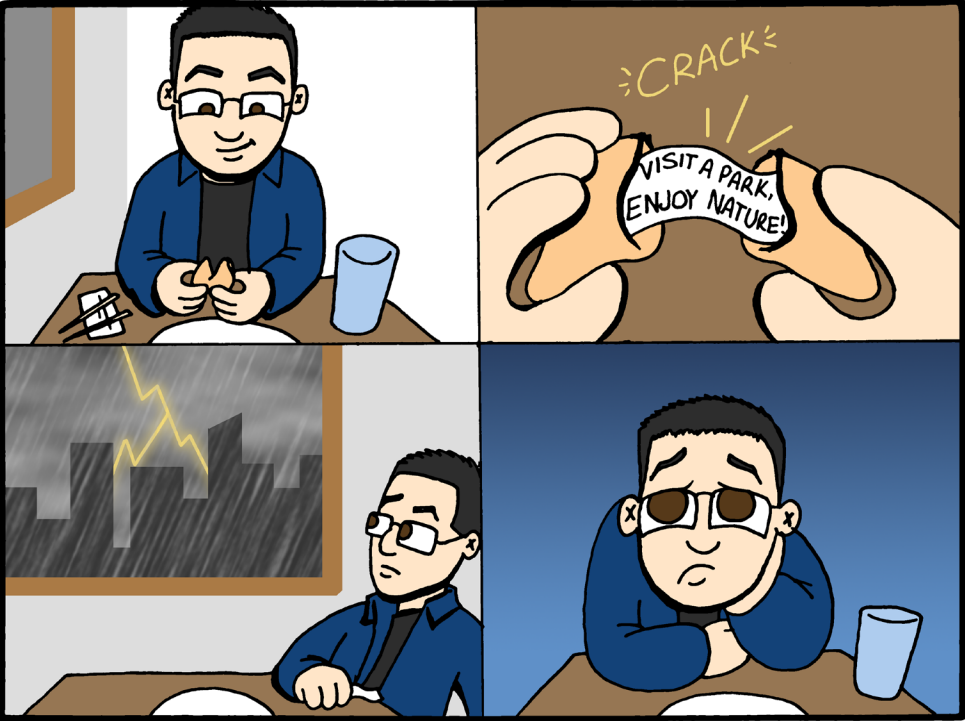
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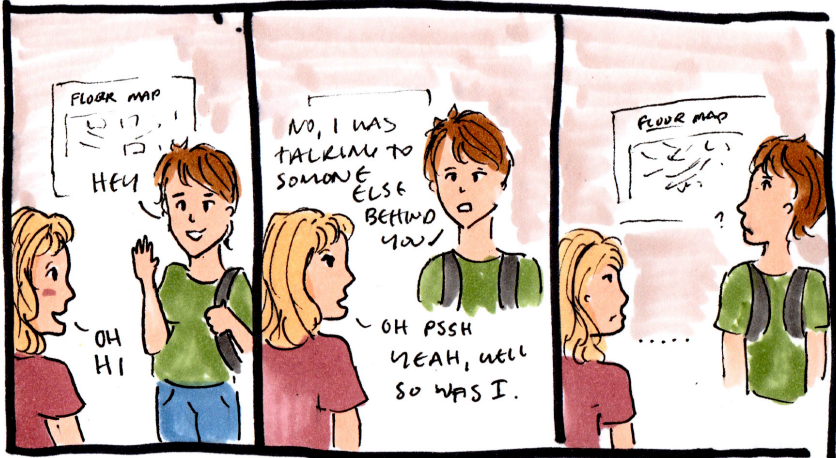
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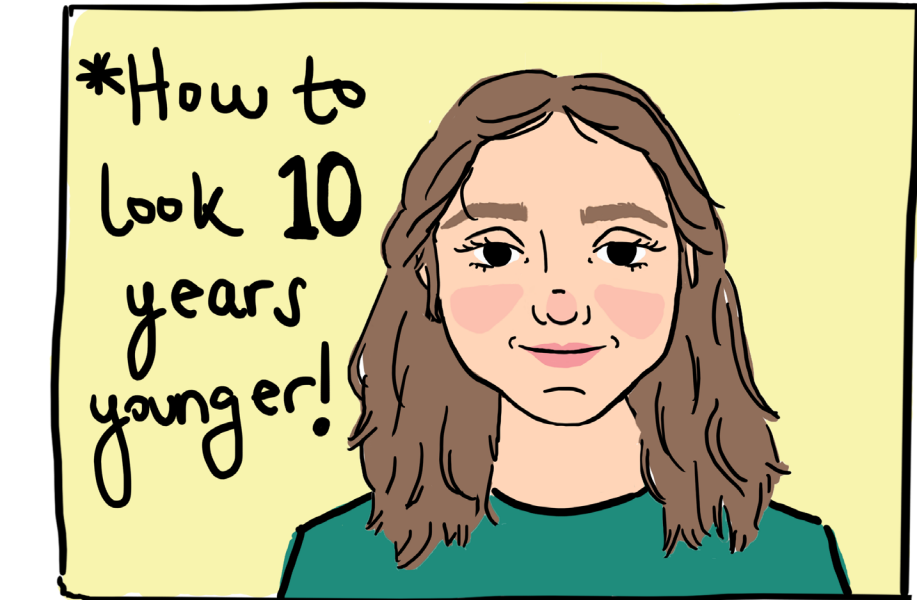
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ACROSS

1 "Hilarious!"

5 Flight alternatives

10 Tag, for example

14 HH

15 Centipede creator

16 "Lionel Asbo: State of England" novelist, 2012

17 Some paperwork: Abbr.

18 Well-built

20 Ran

21 Foolish

22 Curriculum

23 Sub rosa

25 Bourbon drinks

26 Off

27 Arise

28 Amount before bonuses

32 Slips

34 Hill dweller

35 Foolish

36 Dedicated to

37 Fort (Civil War landmark near Savannah)

40 Gravy go-withs

41 City on Amtrak's Boston-to-Chicago line

42 Osprey, for one

44 Once-common building material

48 Sequel

50 "Homeland" airer, for short

51 Foolish

53 Jacob's father-in-law

54 Thomas who headed the 9/11 Commission

56 Bach's "Musical Offering" includes one

58 Simple

59 Supermarket chain until 2015

60 Rock, N.J.

61 Displays near gates, briefly

62 Stack of papers

63 "Who ___?"

DOWN

1 When its second syllable is drawn out, "Are you out of your mind?"

2 Skipping record?

3 Command for turning sharply right

4 Biblical mount

5 "Groundhog Day" director

6 Whatsoever

7 How one might fall in love

8 Hunted

9 Be idle

10 Region bordering Lebanon

11 Recreational soccer, to Brits

12 Embezzles, e.g.

13 Park

19 Sex-ed subject

21 Foolish

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24 "___ thee to hell for shame": "Richard III"

25 Beatitude

27 Jon of "Two and a Half Men"

28 Comic book sound effect

29 Question in response to an insult, maybe

30 Some wax

31 Phone inits.

33 Top class: Abbr.

38 Be idle

39 Grammy category

40 Off

43 Alto

44 "Shoot!"

45 Byes

46 The "O" in television's OWN

47 Title locale

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BASEBALL

Texas hosts series with New Orleans

By Alex Briseno
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New Orleans limps into Austin this weekend with a five-game losing streak, but that doesn't accurately reflect what the Privateers' head coach Blake Dean has done for this program.

New Orleans finished the 2014 season 11-38, and the Privateers' conference record was even worse — 2-28.

Then, in 2015, New Orleans brought 27-year-old Dean on board as the interim head coach. One year later, the Privateers hired Dean as the permanent head coach and finished the season with a record of 31-26 (14-16 conference).

Texas head coach David Pierce faced New Orleans in 2015-2016 when Pierce served as the head coach for Tulane. Pierce said the program struggled early on, but that Dean continues to better the Privateers' ball club as they prepare for the three-game series with the Longhorns at UFCU Disch-Falk Field this weekend.

"He does a tremendous job with the resources that they have," Pierce said. "He's a great hitting instructor so they can really hit. He's got a veteran team on the field and his pitching is getting better. So this is the team that is going to have a little edge about them, and they are going to come out here and compete and try to beat us."

Dean spent his



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Head coach David Pierce jogs back to the dugout after a mound visit at UFCU Disch-Falk Field. Pierce and his Longhorn squad will take a break from conference play as they host a three-game series with New Orleans at home this weekend.

playing days at LSU, where he competed against Pierce's squad when Pierce was the assistant coach of Rice. The two met in the 2008 College World Series where Dean would play a significant role in the Tigers' victory over Rice.

"Our most familiar relationship is in Omaha," Pierce said. "When I was at Rice he hit a double off the left center field wall and eliminated us — so, not fond memories."

Dean hit a three-run double in the bottom of the ninth to give LSU the

6-5 walk-off win, and Pierce hasn't returned to Omaha since.

Now, the two meet again. This time, Dean will be in the dugout as the head coach for New Orleans.

However, Pierce faces a difficult task in trying to convince his ball club that the matchup with New Orleans is just as important as a conference matchup. Pierce said it's a challenge because a mid-major team always has games against Power Five schools circled on their calendar.

"That game is marked and you try to not look at it like that, but it's a program builder if you can win against a UT or a bigger school," Pierce said. "So it's something that our guys have to fight against coming off a big conference series in the Big 12 — the No. 1 or No. 2 conference in the country, and then to come in and play a mid-major."

With only three conference series remaining, including one against No. 6 TCU and another against No. 21 West Virginia,

every win matters. Teams across the country are currently trying to build their resume with quality wins before the conclusion of the season. Pierce said his team is finally starting to understand that.

"It's just as big as any other game — we want to win," junior catcher Michael Cantu said. "We want to be 1-0 every game ... wins this late in the season are hard to come by, especially with our schedule ahead of us, and just to get any wins that we fight for is big for us."

SOFTBALL



Ann Morris | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman outfielder Kaitlyn Washington earns the Big 12 Player of the Week award after going 7-for-15 with three doubles against Texas Tech in Lubbock last weekend.

Freshmen ride strong offense into series against Iowa State

By Leah Vann
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At the start of the season, all eyes were fixed upon the familiar faces of the Longhorns' seven seniors.

But now as the Big 12 Tournament draws nearer, the freshmen are finding their own chances to shine.

Freshman second baseman Jade Gortarez walked up to freshman Kaitlyn Washington earlier this week to tell her that she was the Big 12 Player of the Week.

"I was like, 'Oh really, me?'" Washington said. "It's exciting, and I'm really grateful."

Coupled with senior pitcher Tiarra Davis' Pitcher of the Week award on Feb. 28, it is only the second weekly honor by a Longhorn this season.

Washington is coming off a productive weekend in Lubbock, where she went 7-for-15 with two runs scored, three doubles and four RBIs. She went 1-for-3 against Texas Southern on Wednesday, extending her hitting streak to

four games.

"The one thing that stands out to me is I like her takes, even when she's not swinging the bat," head coach Connie Clark said. "She's having really good, aggressive takes, always ready to pull the trigger. She's able to make good decisions, whether it's 'yes, full attack' or 'no,' she's just taking the pitch, but she's already ready to swing it"

Washington tributes her success at the plate to assistant coach Tripp MacKay, who has worked with her on the timing of her swing throughout the season.

MacKay's rookie products teed off on Texas Tech pitchers all weekend — Washington, outfielder Tuesday DerMargosian, catcher Taylor Ellsworth and infielder Mallory Schattle knocked a combined total of 18 of the team's 40 hits and scored 10 of the Longhorns' 24 runs. The quartet held a .391 batting average.

Each freshman brings something different to the table. DerMargosian is a left-handed batter and

is also one of the fastest baserunners on the team. Schattle has been a dominant force at second base and recently showed her offensive strength with two hits and one RBI at Texas Tech.

In addition to her increased appearance at the catching position, Ellsworth aided in the 5-0 victory against Texas Southern with an RBI double. She currently holds the team-best batting average at .438.

While much credit has been given to MacKay, he praises Ellsworth for her dedication at practice.

"She's really consistent in her work ethic," MacKay said. "It's kind of like taking someone and working on their craft 1-6, 6-2.

"I was really happy to see Harrison play well," senior George Goldhoff said. "He pulled out a tough win in the third set after going down quick in the second, so that'll be a good confidence boost for him before we take on TCU."

MEN'S TENNIS



Noel Mahouch | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Harrison Scott rides a two-game winning streak into the Longhorns' match with TCU this weekend.

Texas wraps regular season against TCU

By Justin Martinez
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It's been a tale of two teams for No. 7 Texas this season — one that thrives at home and one that struggles on the road.

But the Longhorns (19-6) hope to change their luck on Saturday as they head to Fort Worth for their final game of the regular season against No. 9 TCU at 1 p.m.

Texas secured a much-needed win on April 15, defeating No. 45 Texas Tech 4-1 to snap a two-game losing streak. The Longhorns looked like the better team from the start, claiming the doubles point and winning three of the first four singles matches.

Sophomore Harrison Scott secured the victory in his second-straight game at the No. 1 spot, defeating Texas Tech's Jolan Cailleau, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.

The Longhorns need all the momentum they can gather as they prepare to face a red-hot TCU team. The Horned Frogs are on an 11-game winning streak that includes wins over No. 4 Baylor, No. 5 Oklahoma State and No. 11 California.

Leaving Fort Worth with a win is no easy task. TCU holds a 7-2 home record, thanks in part to the stellar play of No. 2 Cameron Norrie.

"Norrie is definitely one of the best players in the country," head coach Michael Center said. "I told my guys that this is a 50/50 game, so we'll get to go out there and really see where we're at."

With a conference record of 2-2, the Longhorns are looking to end their regular season with a standout win against the last undefeated team in Big 12 conference play (4-0).

"Beating TCU would be huge," Goldhoff said. "Every win in the Big 12 is crucial for the standings, and there's still a chance for us to share a title if we win, so there's always something to play hard for. Every match matters."

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Track and field ready for outdoor season meets

The field, sprints and distance crews each travel to different meets this weekend. While splitting up is common during the indoor season, it doesn't typically occur outdoors.

"It always looks better while you're still in the fall," head coach Mario Sategna said. "But you want to be able to provide opportunities for your top athletes."

Throwers and pole vaulters have the shortest trip among the groups. They head to Baylor for the Michael Johnson Classic on Friday.

Sprinters, hurdlers, long and triple jumpers trek to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Saturday for the LSU Alumni Gold. Texas has been very successful at the meet in the past — former Longhorn Courtney Okolo set the collegiate record in the women's 400-meter dash at the meet in 2015.

"We're going to have some really good competition (there), but we're never going to shy away from that," Sategna said. "I think strategically you have to look at what's going to provide the best and that's why we split"

The distance crews jet off to Stanford for the Cardinal Classic, a two-day meet that starts on Friday. The meet is considered a distance carnival, with many of the longer races taking place at night to provide the best conditions for the athletes.

Though most of Texas' distance athletes are freshmen or sophomores, they have still been major contributors for the team this season and will look to hold their own against top-tier opponents.

"(We're going to) just get out there and compete as if it were conference," distance coach Brad Herbst said. "We're not chasing times, just looking to compete and win heats. If you win your heat, odds are you'll end up with a good time."

The men and women's teams currently are ranked No. 10 and No. 9 in the NCAA, respectively.

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